



## Mark Jacobson

### Visiting Scholar Speaker Series



**Mark Jacobson**  
Mershon Center

"The Detention of Enemy Combatants in the War on Terrorism"

**Wednesday, February 18, 2004**  
**12:00 p.m. \***  
*Mershon Center*  
*Room 120*

*Jacobson will discuss the US Government's policy on the detention and intelligence exploitation of enemy combatants detained abroad in the course of Operation Enduring Freedom. The lecture will first provide an overview of operations at Camp Delta at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and then address the various policy and legal issues raised as a result of the detentions. The speaker will argue that although the Administration has made some missteps the basic policy remains sound.*

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Mark R. Jacobson focuses on a broad range of US national defense policy issues with a particular emphasis on psychological operations, public diplomacy, special operations, and counterterrorism.

Before joining the Mershon Center, Jacobson served in a number of positions at the Department of Defense including as the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Policy where he was responsible for the development and management of congressional and legislative activities across a broad range of DoD programs. Jacobson also served in several assignments at the Joint Staff and at Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations / Low-Intensity Conflict where he focused on counternarcotics and counterterrorism issues. Most recently he was assigned to a team that developed DoD policy for the detention of enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Jacobson served for 8 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. In 1996-1997 he served as part of the NATO Peace Implementation Force (IFOR) in Bosnia and in 1998 received the Association of the United States Army's Soldier of the Year Award. In 2001 Mr. Jacobson accepted a commission as an Ensign in the United States deployed to Bosnia in 1996 as part of the NATO Implementation Force (IFOR). Currently he serves as a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Naval Reserves and is assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency.

He is a frequent public speaker and has lectured at the US Army War College, The National Defense University. He has authored numerous opinion pieces, journal articles, and book reviews and chapters on foreign affairs and national defense topics and has appeared on American and foreign radio and television programs. In 1998 Jacobson was one of the first authors to publicly warn about the dangers of cyberwarfare and critical infrastructure attacks, in "War in the Information Age: International Law, Self-Defense, and the Problem of 'Non-Armed' Attacks," published in the Journal of Strategic Studies.

Jacobson has received a number of fellowships and awards including the US Army Center of Military History Fellowship, a Presidential Management Fellowship at the Department of Defense, and the US Congress Achievement Award and Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition. In 2001, Mr. Jacobson became the first OSD recipient of the Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award and this past year he was named one of four finalists for the Partnership for Public Service's Service to America Award.

Jacobson is a graduate of the University of Michigan (B.A. History), The Ohio State University (M.A. History), and The Department of War Studies, King's College, London (M.A. War Studies) and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Council for Emerging National Security Affairs.